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FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6605

SMITHSONIAN OBSERVATORY CAMBRIDGE MASS

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV

SUBJ: BANTRY BAY OIL SPILL REPORTED

1. ACCORDING TO GULF OIL CONTACTS IN DUBLIN, VERY MINOR OIL SPILLAGE ESTIMATED AT 100-200 GALS. OCCURRED AT GULF OIL'S BANTRY BAY TERMINAL ON MARCH 23. LEAKAGE CAME FROM 227,000 TON CRUDE OIL TANKER, FINA CANADA, WHILE IT WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS TO BERTH TO DISCHARGE CARGO OF CRUDE OIL. AS SOON AS LEAKAGE DETECTED FINA CANADA ORDERED OUT TO SEA. TANKER WAS FOLLOWED BY TUG WHICH SPRAYED DISPERSANT IN ITS WAKE. PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY GULF REVEALED THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE OIL TO BE SEEN BUT MORE INTENSIVE SURVEY IS UNDER WAY.

2. CAUSE OF LEAKAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED BUT GULF HAS TWO TERMINAL OFFICIALS ON BOARD TANKER TO INVESTIGATE.

3. ACCORDING TO GULF, IRISH MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND POWER, PETER BARRY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY HIS OWN OFFICIALS THAT SPILL IS NOT SIGNIFICANT. REPORTEDLY, BARRY WAS PREPARING TO ISSUE STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

4. DESPITE INSIGNIFICANCE OF SPILL DUBLIN'S NEWSPAPERS CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES ABOUT THE INCIDENT. STORIES GENERALLY ACCURATE, BUT FACT THAT MAJOR SPILLS OCCURRED AT BANTRY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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OCTOBER AND JANUARY TENDS TO EXAGGERATE IMPORTANCE OF LATEST

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